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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, No. CR -05-0324 MMC  
12 Plaintiff,  
13 v.  
14 DENNIS CYRUS JR., DONALD ARMOUR,  
15 MISTER MEILLEUR, RAYMON HILL,  
16 ACQUIL PETERSON, LESTER HOGAN,  
STEVEN RYAN WILSON,  
17 Defendants.

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**ORDER FOR CRIMINAL  
PRETRIAL PREPARATION**

18 Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

19 **TRIAL:**

20 Trial will begin on **MONDAY, January 28, 2008 at 9:00 at a.m.** Estimated length  
21 of the trial is Four to Six months.

22 **DISCOVERY:**

23 Re U.S.: Per Discovery Order of February 27, 2006; Re Defendants: To be Set.

24 **PRIOR TO FILING ANY DISCOVERY-RELATED MOTIONS, COUNSEL SHALL:**

- 25 1. Meet and confer with opposing counsel, and  
26 2. File a declaration, under penalty of perjury, that counsel has conferred with  
27 opposing counsel with respect to each and every issue on an informal basis. Said declaration  
28 may be filed contemporaneously with the motion. If no such declaration is filed, the Court  
will return the motion papers to counsel.

1 **MOTIONS:**

2 All In Limine motions will be heard on **MONDAY, January 7, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.**  
3 Motions, affidavits and memoranda shall be served, filed and an extra copy lodged with the  
4 Court by the moving party by **4:00 p.m. December 3, 2007**. Any opposition shall be filed and  
5 an extra copy lodged with the Court by **12 o'clock noon December 17, 2007**.

6 **PRETRIAL CONFERENCE:**

7 A Pretrial Conference will be held on **TUESDAY, December 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.**  
8 At the Pretrial Conference the parties shall be prepared to discuss the matters set forth in  
9 Crim.L.R. 17.1-1(b).

10 **PRETRIAL PREPARATION:**

11 Not less than **five court days** before the Pretrial Conference, counsel for the  
12 government shall:

- 13 (1) Serve and file a trial memorandum briefly stating the legal bases for the charges  
14 and the anticipated evidence, and addressing any evidentiary, procedural or other  
15 anticipated legal issues;
- 16 (2) Serve and file a list of all witnesses who may be called, together with a brief  
17 summary of the testimony of each;
- 18 (3) Serve and lodge a proposed form of verdict on pleading paper containing no  
19 reference to the party submitting it;
- 20 (4) Serve and lodge proposed questions for jury voir dire; and
- 21 (5) Serve and lodge copies of all exhibits to be offered at trial, together with a  
22 complete list (see attached form) of those exhibits. Each exhibit shall be premarked  
23 (see attached tags); generally the government shall use numbers, the defendants  
24 letters.

25 Not less than **five court days** before the Pretrial Conference, defense counsel shall  
26 comply with subparagraphs (3) and (4) above, and, to the extent consistent with the  
27 defendant's right to an effective defense, with subparagraphs (1), (2) and (5) above.

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1 **JURY INSTRUCTIONS:**

2 All proposed jury instructions and any objections thereto are to be served and  
3 submitted with the pretrial filings.

4 In advance of the pretrial filings the parties shall do the following:

5 (1) Meet and confer and resolve all jury instructions to the extent possible. Parties  
6 are expected to resolve technical or semantic differences.  
7 (2) Prepare one joint set of instructions upon which the parties agree.  
8 (3) The parties shall submit separately only those instructions upon which there is  
9 substantive disagreement. Each separate instruction shall note on its face the identity  
10 of the party submitting such instruction. The party or parties objecting to an  
11 instruction shall file a written objection. The form of the objection shall be as  
12 follows:

- 13 (a) Set forth in full the instruction to which objection is made;  
14 (b) Provide concise argument and citation to authority explaining why the  
15 instruction is improper.  
16 (c) Set forth in full an alternative instruction, if any;  
17 (4) An original and two copies of the agreed-upon joint instructions, separate  
18 instructions and objections shall be filed on or before the date for filing the joint  
19 pretrial statement and other pretrial materials.  
20 (5) All instructions should be concise, understandable and neutral statements of  
21 law. Argumentative instructions will not be given and should not be submitted.  
22 (6) Any modifications of instructions from Ninth Circuit Model Jury Instructions,  
23 Devitt and Blackmar, or other form instructions must identify the modifications made  
24 to the original form instruction and the authority supporting the modification.

25 **TRANSCRIPTS:**

26 If transcripts will be requested during or immediately after trial, arrangements must be  
27 made with the court reporter at least one week before trial commences.  
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1   **CHANGE OF PLEA:**

2           Counsel shall give prompt notice to the United States Attorney and to the Court of any  
3 intention to change a previously entered not guilty plea.

4   **EXHIBITS:**

5           Each party is responsible for their exhibits. Upon the conclusion of the trial, each party  
6 shall retain their exhibits. Should an appeal be taken, it is the party's responsibility to make  
7 arrangements with the Clerk of the Court to file the record on appeal.

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10 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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12 Dated: August 8, 2007

*Maxine M. Chesney*  
MAXINE M. CHESNEY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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